GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:223
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2001
IDENTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE AREAS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified the sensitive areas and the areas in which ISI has its strong foothold in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the areas thus identified; and

(c) the action plan of the Government, if any, to deal with the situation in such areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a),(b)&(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.223 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 13.03.2001.

(a)&(b): The Government is aware that ISI of Pakistan is involved in aiding, abetting and supporting terrorism in various parts of the country. Activities of Pak ISI have been noticed mainly in Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, certainNorth-Eastern States, areas along Indo-Nepal border and also in certain other parts of the country.

(c): In order to deal with the situation, Government have adopted a well-coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of ISI which includes strengthening the border management, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, neutralizing plans of ISI by well coordinated intelligence based operations, setting up of out-posts of security forces in vulnerable areas and modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc.

Central Government has also been sensitizing the State Governments about the threat perception and activities of ISI in the country. Periodic coordination meetings are also held with the State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters as well as for devising strategies to counter such activities. Various security agencies belonging to Union and States have been working together to check the activities of ISI. As a result of coordinated action, a number of ISI backed modules have been neutralized.

Diplomatic initiatives have also been taken with various countries to enlist their support in countering the activities of militant groups.